## **Quality Consultants New Zealand Limited (QCONZ PTE)**

## **Self-Review Report 1 November 2024**

#### **Background**

The Code of Practice for the pastoral care of domestic tertiary and international learners (The Code) sets out expectations for Private Training Establishments (PTEs) to meet learner safety and wellbeing requirements. QCONZ PTE provides tertiary education for domestic learners and are a signatory to the Outcomes 1 – 4 of The Code. QCONZ PTE does not provide accommodation, however, is developing services to international learners (Outcomes 8-11 of The Code) for pilot in 2025.

As part of The Code requirements, QCONZ undertakes self-assessment activities during the year and specifically evaluates our education provision against The Code Outcomes:

- Outcome 1: A learner wellbeing and safety system
- Outcome 2: Learner voice
- Outcome 3: Safe, inclusive, supportive and accessible physical and digital learning environments
- Outcome 4: Learners are safe and well

#### New

- Outcome 8: Responding to the distinct wellbeing and safety needs of international tertiary learners
- Outcome 9: Prospective international tertiary learners are well informed
- Outcome 10: Offer, enrolment, contracts, insurance and visa
- Outcome 11: Internationals learners receive appropriate orientations, information and advice

## **Background**

QCONZ was founded in 1999 and provide consultancy, audit, training and digital services to primary industries. We design and deliver bespoke vocational training for industry and NZ government bodies, and work closely with our provider, Training Centric Limited, to deliver face-to-face formal and non-formal training. We aim to provide learning experiences that are timely, accurate and relevant for our industries.

We achieved Category 1 status with NZQA in 2022 and work to continually improve our service provision. We significantly reduced our number of learners in 2023 which has enabled us to concentrate provision from enrolment to completion, with full control over programme content and resources.

In 2025 we are developing resources to provide for a subset of international learners who are recommended for training via industry and NZ government bodies. We are currently undergoing the code development and application processes for these learners. Learning will be between 2 and 5 days (no more than one week spent with us on New Zealand soil) Our summary reflects this stage of development.

Actions identified as part of the 2024 self-reviewed will be audited as part of the annual 9001 Business Division audit.



## **Self-review Summary**

## **TEO** information

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Current enrolments	Domestic learners		Total #	#81		18 y/o or olde		#81
					Under 18 y/o			#0
	International learners		Total #	#0		18 y/o or olde	r	#0
						Under 18 y/o		#0
Current residents	Domestic learners		Total # #	#81		18 y/o or olde	r	#81
						Under 18 y/o		#0
	International learners		Total #	#0		18 y/o or olde	r	#0
						Under 18 y/o		#
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## Stage of implementation for each outcome

Indicate the stage of implementation that most reflects your organisation's current level of understanding and practice for each outcome, based on the continuum provided in Appendix 1.

## Organisational structures to support a whole-of-provider approach to learner wellbeing and safety

	Rating
Outcome 1: A learner wellbeing and safety system	Implemented
Outcome 2: Learner voice	Implemented

## Wellbeing and safety practices for all tertiary providers

	Rating
Outcome 3: Safe, inclusive, supportive, and accessible physical and digital learning environments	Implemented
Outcome 4: Learners are safe and well	Implemented

	Rating
Outcome 8: Responding to the distinct wellbeing and safety needs of international tertiary learners	Developing
Outcome 9: Prospective international tertiary learners are well informed	Developing
Outcome 10: Offer, enrolment, contracts, insurance and visa	Developing
Outcome 11: International learners receive appropriate orientations, information and advice	Developing

## Summary of performance under each outcome

Organisational structures to support a whole-of-provider approach to learner wellbeing and safety

Outcome 1:	Summary of performance based on gathered information (i.e. how effectively is your organisation doing what it needs to be doing?)  QCONZ have an inclusive system to provide a	How do you know? (i.e. note supporting evidence with analysis to make sense of what it means)  Strategic plans and goals,
A learner wellbeing and safety system	structure of support for our learners. This system includes strategic goals to underpin our intentions, standard operating policies/procedures, tutor and learner resources and forms, quality meetings, quality manual, health and safety manual, communication documents, reporting/feedback/review processes and very close collaboration with our industry stakeholders.  Inclusion of Māori learning theories, workbooks with support sections, published supports, website, course introductions and assessment feedback/review system.  Our tutors are involved in grass roots industry and bring both tutoring and Subject Matter expertise to their delivery. They understand the requirements for equality in the classroom and the diversity they may encounter that is different to their own. Our tutors represent and reflect significant diversity to our learners including LGBT, Dyslexia, Aspergers, ADHD, age range from 30s-60s, mix of gender.  We continue to grow and evolve our understanding of learner wellbeing and safety, which ensures we continually improve our quality in this area.  2024 No critical incidents on workshops, no complaints received.	SOPs include:  Code of Ethics Health and Safety Code Self Review Annual PTE Activities Complaint Appeal and Dispute Conflict of Interest External Moderation International Student Contract of Enrolment International Student Marketing Information International Students Māori world view Recording Maintaining and Storing information Release of Private Information Student Support Audit reports (ISO standards and requirements), Enrolment form and processes, Stakeholder meeting notes including NZMPTA Council and learner liaison, Form reports and subsequent actions including pastoral care, Learner handbook includes: Special needs Quality assurance Guarantee Logistical information RPL/RCC International Students section Appeal results Assessments and academic integrity Assessment procedures

We are currently extending our tutor resources in this area.

Two learners assisted during distressing personal situations whilst their courses were ongoing. Those learners were given extended durations and ultimately completed.

- Cross credits and credit transfer
- Reassessment
- Withdrawing
- Distance learning
- Support services
- Formal complaints/appeals
- Code of conduct
- Disciplinary process

#### Tutor handbook includes:

- Wellbeing, health and safety
- Learner Pastoral care
- Administration and reporting
- Course feedback
- Student quick information support
- Moderation

#### Tutor library includes:

- SOPs
- Tutor Handbook
- Learner Handbook
- Code of Practice
- Strategic Plans and Goals
- Wellbeing and safety resources

learner progression and achievement

#### Outcome 2:

Learner voice

QCONZ and tutors work closely with industry bodies, employers and staff/trainees. We go above and beyond to provide supporting learning opportunities for both formal and non-formal delivery – in part because:

- We understand the importance of incorporating learner voice into everything we do and have had significant success over the past 4 years of the code.
- As industry auditors we need to provide the solutions (as well as the standards)
- As New Zealand industry representatives on the international stage we need to provide information and learning opportunities to diverse cultures, enabling them to apply in their own countries.
- We see the results of education systems that don't meet the needs of the learners and work with learners to provide a positive, progressive education experience.

Reducing barriers to learning engagement and progression is an important part of this and they include:

- QCONZ do not charge students for late submissions, resubmissions, alternative course attendance.
- Tutors are available to the students after course delivery until they have completed (no charge and no time limit on tutor support).
- Verbal assessment is provided free for students with assessment/writing difficulties.

QCONZ is actively involved in:

- industry good projects (partners include Fonterra, DairyNZ, Ministry of Primary Industries),
- on-farm quality consultations, on-farm side by side quality and milking efficiency training,
- workshop block courses (2-5 days),
- industry initiatives in wellbeing, health and safety (2023 ACC Back Strain Solutions, Milking Efficiency Development and training, Reducing compliance stress with digital solutions),
- Fieldays award winning innovations (for two areas: reducing compliance; worker wellbeing).
- Stakeholder engagement, learner feedback (surveys, workbook pilots and direct),
- ITENZ engagement groups,

We apply specific learnings from:

- Māori Learner Success Project 2022
- 10 habits of phenomenal educations for Pacific Learners 2021
- Beyond Tuakana Teina 2024
- Pasifika Success As Pasifika 2014
- Eastern BOP Maori Cluster programme (milking efficiency +)
- Taurikura NZ presentation QCONZ Conference
- BOP Maori Cluster
- ITENZ Māori Engagement Group (co-chair position)
- Meetings and consultation with Māori advisors (continual)
- Meetings and consultation with NZMPTA (industry body)
- Assessment, workbook and programme development (learner feedback sought direct from past and current learners)
- Complaint and feedback system with actions and quality improvements.

 Learners receive resources in several formats including verbal, digital, workshop, workbooks, manuals (online and printed)

Our tutors work in the same industries as the learners – this helps reduce barriers related to jargon, industry knowledge and learners identifying with the content/delivery of the course.

#### Wellbeing and safety practices for all tertiary providers

### Outcome 3:

Safe, inclusive, supportive, and accessible physical and digital learning environments Summary of performance based on gathered information (i.e. how effectively is your organisation doing what it needs to be doing?)

QCONZ has in place quality and values that promote a safe, inclusive and supporting learning environment. We achieved a year of no critical incidents in workshops and no complaints. We have Quality Manual, Health and Safety and SOPs designed to provide for safe learning environments (for both tutor and learner).

Our feedback has been positive, with significant engagement during assessment, workbook and programme reviews. We have implemented all learner improvement suggestions for our assessments and workbooks. Programme reviews are still underway.

Physical environments are continually audited. Post-course feedback is requested from all learners which includes feedback on facilities.

Purpose built facility in Palmerston North has received new carpet (reducing trip hazard) and maintenance to all milking machines. Hazards are clearly identified. Course inductions, learner handbook and workbooks include information on supports available.

Digital learning is on the Virtual Coach system available precourse online and during the MMT block course in custom built course laptops. **How do you know?** (i.e. note supporting evidence with analysis to make sense of what it means)

Course reports, maintenance records, MMT intro video, learner feedback, industry feedback, complaint records. Continued improvements to induction processes, tutor resources.

Course welcome/introduction with information on workshop environment, expectations, health and safety, learner supports. Learners are industry employers and have industry knowledge of health and safety/work environments prior to attending our workshops – health and safety is reiterated on site with walk-through inductions when learners are in workshops involving machinery.

Example: Online tutor delivery HACCP Auditor Training, maximum of 5 participants – via zoom. Pre-course information and instructions sent prior to course including how to join online and downloading Adobe Acrobat. Courses opened half hour before, the pre-course tutor introduction, support introduction, Adobe document training, overview of marking system, expectations of all stakeholders. Course times, breaks and progression are discussed and agreed with learner(s). Course starts with delivery of PowerPoint content, breakout discussions,

USBs are provided to learners with course resources, digital manuals, and course/learner information.

All digital resources are reviewed to ensure inclusive language is used and they easily accessed by all learners. We continually engage with learners to understand their needs on course and during assessment periods. All block course content was updated this year. Assessments for Small Drinking-Water Supplies course were updated after direct feedback from learners and tutor following first two courses – significant improvements were made.

learners encouraged to provide examples and scenarios for discussion, assessment overview. Learners' complete assessments offline with option of online or phone tutor support. This course achieved 100% course completion within duration in 2024.

In 2025 we will build on our Māori Learner Success Project (2022) to identify further areas of improvement for this outcome. Specifically, tutor pre-course introductions which reduced the nervousness of learners attending a new course – how can we extend this? – how can we improve learner confidence in their new surroundings?

#### Outcome 4:

Learners are safe and well

QCONZ staff, providers and tutors provide opportunities for learners in a safe learning environment. We provide precourse information, workbooks and course information designed to reduce learner nerves when joining a new cohort, and ensure they understand both the expectations and pathways to success.

We do not provide accommodation.

Learners are asked for dietary issues/preferences for the healthy lunch provided at workshop days. Tutor phone numbers are in course information, to enable learners to contact the tutor out of delivery times if they have an issue or need support.

Appropriate enrolment information is passed onto the tutors prior to the course starts.

External resources/contacts are provided in course workbooks, learner handbook and website.

Tutors have processes and information to help them provide a safe learning environment. Tutors are backed up by management – with any critical incidences supported immediately.

New tutor resources are currently under development to ensure tutors feel supported. Many of our tutors have been long time deliverers of our courses – and improvements in tutor supports has been highlighted as a 2025 initiative.

Learner handbook, tutor handbook, workbooks, course information/introduction, website.

Learner progression – opportunities to stop and reenrol at a later date (not extra charge) if personal issue interrupts their course, plus opportunities to extend deadlines.

Tutor handbook and internal SOPs.

Online non-formal learning options for learners who cannot complete a full course due to personal reasons (including physical access, too busy for full, only specific pieces of learning are required).

Delivery moderation for each tutor (once per year).

Assessment moderation (external, education body and internal).

Complaint system (no complaints this year), tutor reports, learner feedback (post course and assessment feedback).

	Summary of performance based on gathered information (i.e. how effectively is your organisation doing what it needs to be doing?)	How do you know? (i.e. note supporting evidence with analysis to make sense of what it means)
Outcome 8: Responding to the distinct wellbeing and safety needs of international tertiary learners	Pilot for 2025. QCONZ has provided non-formal learning opportunities over the past 20 years – predominately via MPI and MFAT. These have predominately been for Dairy Industry Milk Quality and Milking Efficiencies. Include development of sister company in Brazil, Thai Government, Indian Government, other South East Asian countries and peoples e.g. Myanmar.  We have been asked to provide international student delivery for NZ Milking and Pumping Trade Assn. Specifically, the Milking Machine Testing Course in 2025. Application currently with NZQA.  We have started engagement with ITENZ International Provider Community and Education New Zealand for advice and support.	Standard operating policies/procedures Enrolment form International support person direct contact pre and post course Tutor Engagement Course feedback form
Outcome 9: Prospective international tertiary learners are well informed	Feedback from industry – four Australian representatives providing feedback on delivery model and content, and context with Australian industry will ensure we can provide learners with appropriate information prior to and during enrolment process.  Information from ITENZ International Providers Community. Continual improvement process to be put in place with review of comms and information prior to each course delivery.	Under development: Marketing comms Acceptance Letter Learner Handbook Course Workbooks and course information Website

Outcome 10:	Under development.	Acceptance Letter, Enrolment Form, Contract of Enrolment,
Offer, enrolment,	No student charges for this work and not via Agents.	We are developing both insurance and visa information.
contracts, insurance and	Industry body or Government Body will recommend	Meetings with ImmigrationNZ and EducationNZ in
visa	students and cover costs for delivery.	December.
		Enrolment form
		Contract of Enrolment
		Learner handbook
		Welcome email
		Direct contact by International student support person
Outcome 11: International	Learners will receive information on travelling within New	SOPs
learners receive	Zealand, Visa requirements (If appropriate), their destination	Enrolment form
appropriate orientations,	and the supports available there, links to further supports	Contract of Enrolment
information and advice	for studying in New Zealand.	Learner Handbook
		Course Welcome and information including location
		information

## Findings from gap analysis of compliance with key required processes

## Organisational structures to support a whole-of-provider approach to learner wellbeing and safety

	Identified gaps in compliance with key required processes
Outcome 1:	There is need for continued addition of supports/information and updating of documents. We learn from course
A learner wellbeing	provision and engagement with learners with actions developed from direct and indirect feedback/review channels.
and safety system	We are also looking for other avenues to understand impacts and provide supports.
Outcome 2: Learner	Introduction of an annual learner feedback for programme and content development. Specifically, feedback sought
voice	from graduates for the improvement of learning outcomes.
	Code specific Tutor training and focus on reporting (February 2025) with tutor questionnaire follow up.

## Wellbeing and safety practices for all tertiary providers

	Identified gaps in compliance with key required processes
Outcome 3:	New tutor resources under development re identification and inclusion of diverse learners.
Safe, inclusive,	New library resources to be written/updated and linked to further online resources.
supportive, and	
accessible physical	
and digital learning	
environments	
Outcome 4: Learners	New tutor resources under development for addition to online Library.
are safe and well	Continued improvement of supports in place for tutors and learners.

	Identified gaps in compliance with key required processes
Outcome 8:	Pilot International Students in 2025, implement robust feedback and review with all stakeholders.
Responding to the	Feedback and review developed and placed
distinct wellbeing	
and safety needs of	
international tertiary	
learners	
Outcome 9:	Pilot International Students in 2025, implement robust feedback and review with all stakeholders.
Prospective	Feedback and review developed and placed
international tertiary	
learners are well	
informed	
Outcome 10: Offer,	Pilot International Students in 2025, implement robust feedback and review with all stakeholders.
enrolment,	Feedback and review developed and placed
contracts, insurance	
and visa	
Outcome 11:	Pilot International Students in 2025, implement robust feedback and review with all stakeholders.
International	Feedback and review developed and placed
learners receive	
appropriate	
orientations,	
information and	
advice	

# Organisational structures to support a whole-of-provider approach to learner wellbeing and safety

	Action/s to be taken	Owner	Due date	Plan for monitoring implementation	Measures of success
Outcome 1: A learner wellbeing and safety system	Extended wellbeing supports for international students	PTE Management	January 2025	Website and pre course information updated, Tutor Handbook updated, Tutor Library updated.	All updates by end of January 2025.
	Annual year-in-review meetings with tutors.	PTE Management	February 2025	Meetings held by mid February.	Meeting held.
	Include new wellbeing and safety question in Industry questionnaire.	PTE Management	February 2025	Questions added into NZMPTA questionnaire.	Received feedback on questions.
	New tutor resource library updated with welfare, health information and cultural competencies, rural professional.		February 2025	November release of new library resources, additional resources added over Dec/Jan 25	Resources published in online library.

Outcome 2:	Introduction of an annual learner	PTE Management	July 2025	First have delivery	At least a 10%
Learner voice	feedback for programme and			feedback received.	response rate from
	content development. Specifically,			Learners contacted to	learners.
	feedback sought from graduates for			encourage	
	the improvement of learning			participation.	
	outcomes.			Feedback survey sent	
				by end of July 2025	
	Code specific Tutor training and	PTE Management	February 2025	Tutors decide	Training Held on time
	focus on reporting with tutor			delivery model with	with completed
	questionnaire follow up.			open feedback	questionnaires.
				process in place.	

# Wellbeing and safety practices for all tertiary providers

	Action/s to be taken	Owner	Due date	Plan for monitoring	Measures of success
				implementation	
Outcome 3:	International student supports	PTE Management	January 2025	International student	All SOPS, tutor
Safe, inclusive,	introduced.			actions and outcomes	resources, learner
supportive, and				achieved.	resources created.
Outcome 4: Learners are	New tutor resource for identifying	PTE Management	January 2025	Feedback in Feb tutor	Resource published in
safe and well	risks, pathways			meeting.	library January 2025.
	New tutor resource protecting	PTE Management	January 2025	Feedback in Feb tutor	Resource published in
	learners and staff			meeting.	library January 2025.

	Action/s to be taken	Owner	Due date	Plan for monitoring implementation	Measures of success
Outcome 8: Responding to the distinct wellbeing and	Extend critical incident and emergency procedures to include actions for response to emergencies involving international students.	PTE Management	January 2024	Included in QMS audit agenda for January 2024 meeting.	Procedures added to SOP, Tutor Handbook and Tutor Library.
	Tutor training for International Student Wellbeing		December 2024	Training held pre Christmas.	Training held with feedback from tutor.
safety needs of international tertiary learners	Create International Student precourse questionnaire and post-course questionnaire, online review discussion.	PTE Manager	January 2025	Nov/December 2024 online discussion with Australian Vets and MMT reps. January Create questionnaire for industry feedback.	Questionnaires created by end of January 2025 for enrolments in February 2025.
Outcome 9:	Create Tutor Introduction video for International Students	PTE Management	January 2024	Draft outline due December 2024.	Video prepared prior to first pilot.

Prospective international tertiary				Additional filming Jan 2025	
learners are well informed	Insurance and visa requirements are advised to learners	PTE Management	January 2024	Seek input from ImmigrationNZ and EducationNZ. Information sheet created to be included with enrolment info.	Sheet is included in Enrolment info and welcome email (attachment or embedded)
Outcome 10: Offer, enrolment, contracts, insurance and visa	Create SOP for reporting breaches to ImmigrationNZ.	PTE Management	January 2025	Consult with ImmigrationNZ in December 2024 and create SOP.	SOP Created
	Create SOP for notifying Immigration NZ of terminations of enrolment	PTE Management	January 2025	Consult with ImmigrationNZ in December 2024 and create SOP.	SOP Created.
Outcome 11: International learners receive appropriate	New enrolment process in place and pilot run.	PTE Management	March 2025	Enrolments received, learners sent information and phone contacted.	Feedback sought from first pilot international students.